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1. PERMDEL DISCUSSED REFTELS' SUBJECT AT LENGTH WITH AP-
PROPRIATE SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL. IN PRIVATE, STRICTLY
CONFIDENTIAL CONFERENCE WITH DG, WE INFORMED CAREFUL RE-
VIEW ALLEN CASE WOULD BE MADE WITH DG FAVORING EXTENSION

OF ALLEN CONTRACT. SINCE ADG/EDUCATION ON MISSION,
FINAL DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL HIS RE-
TURN.

2. PERMDEL AGREES WITH GENERAL CONTEXT, PARA 1, REFTEL
(A). HOWEVER, REFERENCE TO PERMDEL "CONCURRENCE IN NON-
RENEWAL" TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT OF GENERAL DISCUSSION
WITH SECRETARIAT MEMBERS. PERMDEL INFORMED SECRETARIAT
IT CONTINUES TO RECOMMEND EXTENSION ALLEN CON-
TRACT.

3. RE PARA 2, REFTEL (A), SECRETARIAT ACKNOWLEDGES
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ACHIEVEMENTS MADE BY ALLEN IN DEVELOPING PROGRAM AND IN

OPENING TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE. THIS POINT MAJOR FACTOR TO CONSIDER IN RENEWAL OF SAID CONTRACT.

4. PERMDEL HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSION PARA 3, REFTEL (A) RE PROBLEMS OF OMISSION AND CHARGES ATTRIBUTED TO ALLEN INCLUDING (A) FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUESTED REPORT AND WORK PLAN; (B) UNDERTAKING ACTION WITHOUT APPROVAL OF SECRETARIAT INCLUDING TRIP TO AND PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA IN LIEU OF ATTENDING MEETING AS REQUESTED BY VISITING SECRETARIAT MEMBER; (C) LACK OF CO-OPERATION WITH TEAM AND OTHER NATIONALS; (D) INSISTANT ON STAFFING PROJECT MAINLY WITH AMERICANS (UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS) AS EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS; (E) OBLIGATION OF FUNDS WITHOUT CLEARANCE AND APPROVAL, INCLUDING DEVELOPING AN INTERNSHIP AND CONSTRUCTION OF A LARGER LECTURE HALL IN PREFERENCE TO DORMITORY FACILITIES; (F) (ACCORDING TO SECRETARIAT) FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND AND KEEP IN BALANCE WITH THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF THE COUNTRY AND GOVERNMENT AND ITS ABILITY TO FUND PROPOSED INNOVATIONS; (G) INVOLVEMENT WITH NON-TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE AFFAIRS WHICH MAY CREATE A GOVERNMENTAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEM, AN AREA WHICH UNESCO INSISTS ITS EXPERTS MUST AVOID COMPLETELY.

5. PERMDEL AGREES THAT SOME ACCUSATIONS BASED ON PRESUMPTIONS THAT NEGATIVE RESULTS MAY DEVELOP AND DISCUSSED ALLEN'S RESPONSES TO CHARGES RE ABOVE FACTORS.

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6. IN CONFIDENCE, KABORE, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF TRAINING OF EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL, INFORMED PERMDEL THAT BRITISH HAD COMPLAINED AND WERE, WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, CONSIDERING DISCONTINUATION OF BILATERAL PROGRAMS IF ALLEN'S CONTRACT RENEWED. HE STATED THAT UNESCO WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE GUIDED BY PRESSURE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

7. SECRETARIAT BELIEVES MINISTRY OF EDUCATION NOT AS STRONG AS COULD BE AND FEELS THAT ALLEN'S STRONG PERSONALITY HAS PERSUADED MINISTRY TO ACCEPT HIS VIEWPOINT IN SPITE OF NON-CONFORMITY TO UNESCO SECRETARIAT. THUS, REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT BY THE GOVERNMENT. BECAUSE OF HIS STRONG LEADERSHIP AND THE THINKING OF CERTAIN SECRETARIAT STAFF RE THE GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO, QUESTION STILL REMAINS WHETHER ALLEN WOULD AGREE TO FOLLOW SECRETARIAT DIRECTIVES.

8. PITTS, HEW, PART OF PERMDEL, KNOWS ALLEN AND IN COMMUNICATION WITH HIM RE TOTAL PROJECT. WILL COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH ALLEN IN RESPONSE TO HIS PERSONAL REQUEST. ACTION TAKEN AFTER CONSULTATION WITH LAWTON, NOW VISITING PERMDEL.

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